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## Approach of Independence for Angola Stirring Unrest in Portugal

Portuguese leftists are citing the arrest last weekend of two supporters of former president Spínola to justify their claims that a right-wing coup is imminent.

The two former military officers, who reportedly left the country with Spínola following the abortive coup of March 11, were picked up by security troops at a camp for Angolan refugees in northern Portugal. They were said to have Spanish currency and to have entered Portugal secretly from Spain. The US embassy in Lisbon reports that several individuals with ties to the conservative Portuguese Liberation Army may also have been detained.

Anti-Communist military leaders, including Prime Minister Azevedo, are appealing for calm and unity in the midst of unrest stirred by anticipation of Angolan independence next week. An army spokesman yesterday denied leftist-inspired reports that live-fire maneuvers are scheduled for this week. He labeled

the story "alarmist" and said such drills could only lead to a coup attempt from the right.

General Charais, commander of the central military region, warned the left in an interview last week that any effort on its part to overthrow the Azevedo government and turn Angola over to the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola would lead to a move by the right wing. Charais believes that the left has alienated a substantial portion of the population and has created the conditions for a successful resurgence of the right.

The left has been agitating to abandon Lisbon's policy of impartiality among the three Angola liberation movements but the Azevedo government does not appear likely to support the Popular Movement. Movement activists are also arriving in Lisbon on refugee flights to take part in pro-Popular Movement rallies. The first is scheduled for tonight.

As the airlift of refugees from Angola comes to an end, conservative refugee groups are certain to become bolder in speaking out against left-wing support for the Popular Movement. The bombing and sacking late last month of an Angolan cultural center controlled by the Popular Movement indicates that the returnees will use violence. Refugees have planned a demonstration in opposition to the Popular Movement for late this week.

The 19-man Revolutionary Council is trying to carry out business as usual in the midst of the turmoil. The Council did not, as rumored, take action against army chief Fabiao or security head Carvalho at their session last weekend. They did approve the long-awaited legal framework for the investigation and trial of nearly 1,300 members of the former regime's security police, who have been detained without charges since the coup in April 1974.

The council also set up a tribunal to deal with persons implicated in the March 11 coup attempt and announced its intention to arrest civilians possessing military arms.

The anti-communist council members may have decided to delay action against Fabiao and Carvalho because of the campaign by left-wing military and civilian groups to equate their removal with rightist plots to take over the government. They may have been further influenced by reports that the radical military police hold arrest orders signed by Carvalho for 500 individuals, including high-ranking anti-communist officers.

Another likely obstacle is President Costa Gomes, who has served as the major stumbling block in previous attempts to oust radical officers from high positions.

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